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that these boards have, and that disturbs me greatly. The Advisory Board is to be funded out of the General Fund, I see no funding for the Advisory Board at all, in the bill. We talk about the local control of programs and Senator Kelly said that we can start these programs out there and that is fine, we have about 10 or 12 new programs. It really doesn't take an educator to think of a program. Probably any one in the second grade could dream up a program and write it up so that anyone could use it. Then somebody else fund it. We approved four of them this year for them, but under this bill they will have ten. They are going to poliverate. I think that it is unconstitutional and the reason that I do is because I have been told, not by an attorney that is drawing \$14,000 a year but by one that is drawing \$100,000. I know that immediately that there is going to be a test of the bill. I have told them that I hoped that they would test the bill before they collect that mil levy and get us into the same problem that we had before. I also would admonish everyone to look at the bill and find out exactly what it said, because they can do anything that they want to do. Anything. This is going to start out at 2 1/2 mils and that is only the beginning. If anyone is naive enough to think that education, or any of these institutions are going to stand still with 2 1/2 mils, you had better screw your head back on. Because that is only the beginning. That is what happened to Columbus you know, it never would take two mils. We mailed them out down there and it was 9 or 11 mils. Same thing is going to happen. That is the only reason that we got the Junior colleges. It was an insufferable tax on the people that started them out by the Chamber of Commerces so we bailed them all out. Now you are poliferating it all over the state. I don't know what you can do, I do know that if the bill does not pass we have the funding in 216 for state funding to let it go a year. This is a bill that has been written 6, 7, or 8 draftings and if you would read the original drafting you would find out what a dictator really is. I would support the kill motion, even though I'm sure that it wouldn't go.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dickinson.

SENATOR DICKINSON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I rise to support Senator Warner's motion. We hear a lot about local control but I don't think local control is an issue in this matter. I think that it is a matter of where the taxes are going to come from to support technical community colleges. The mil levy limit that is mentioned by Senator Kremer, and I respect his sincerity in this issue, but I think that it is a foot in the door. If it remains a limit, there is no reason to think that they won't be operating up to that limit as most entities of government are and do have a mil levy limit set on their ability to levy taxes. There are many legislators, past and present who have worked long and hard to obtain some equity in the property tax situation in Nebraska and there are several members in this body that are probably going to support this bill are still working to obtain more equity in the overburdened property tax payer in some instances. This is going